

The Vaucluse Newsletter



Vaucluse Public School

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Whats on at VPS

Week 10:

April 5th: Cross Country

**April 8th: Easter Hat Parade &
Easter Raffle**

April 8th: Last day of Term 1

***Please see the Sentral School Calendar for
dates and information on all school events**

THE PRINCIPALS REPORT



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Dear Vaucluse Families,

We have loved meeting with families for our Parent-Teacher interviews this week. These meetings have been very productive, enabling teachers and families to work together to discuss your child's academic and social goals. We have enjoyed welcoming parents on-site for these meetings. With a significant number of our parents still preferring to meet over Zoom, this is an option we will continue to offer going forward.

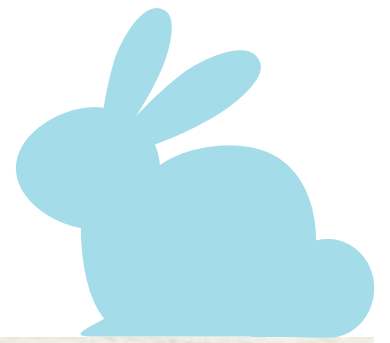
We are continuing to manage Covid-19 in the school community. We appreciate the heightened concerns heading into the school holidays. This week we sent additional RATs home with your child. We are continuing to manage a number of changes to staffing, as we have for the entire term. We have been prepared for this and have been creative with our solutions so far. We appreciate the support and understanding you have given us.

Today I met with the developers, contractors and engineers etc, to have an introductory meeting on site. Mark Bird, from the Department's Asset Management Unit, joined me. As a group we discussed the safety of our school community. I expressed the importance of good communication between all stakeholders. The team has a handover on Monday with work to start during the holidays.

Next week, students have our cross-country carnival and Easter Hat parade to look forward to. Let's hope the weather cooperates. Our creative STEAM teacher, Ms Vial has planned to make Easter hats during lessons next week. However, if this is something you and your family like to do together, please feel free. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Easter raffle. We have raised over \$1000 in just two days! Any donations will be gratefully accepted. Hampers will then be created and a raffle drawn on the last day of school.

Stay safe!

MISS ALLEN



K-6

EASTER

HAT PARADE

FRIDAY WEEK 10

**STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE TO
MAKE AT HOME OR WEAR THE
HAT MADE IN STEAM WEEK 10**

Please note, this is for
students only.

We look forward to
sharing photos of the day.



Harmony Day 2022





Our special visitors, Rabbi Kastel and his team from Together for Humanity, came to speak to us on Harmony Day. They shared different cultural activities and discussed a variety of topics about inclusion, empathy and intercultural understanding







Flood Relief Cupcake Stall



Some of our wonderful year 6 girls got together on Monday and held a cupcake stall to raise money for the recent floods. They raised over \$400 that will be donated to St Vinnies Flood Relief. Amazing work girls!



★ VPS STARS ★



Last week, Jimmy our Chess Coach, proudly presented Nicholas from 5/6S with his well deserved chess trophy.



Last week, Ms Allen presented Jude from K-6K with a Principals award for being a respectful and hardworking student





Last week, Chiara from 5/6S was awarded both Merit Awards & a Certificate of Achievement!



Here are some more of our fantastic Stage 3 Merit Award winners!

This Week in KB



KB boys are enjoying learning to write sentences

ANZAC DAY

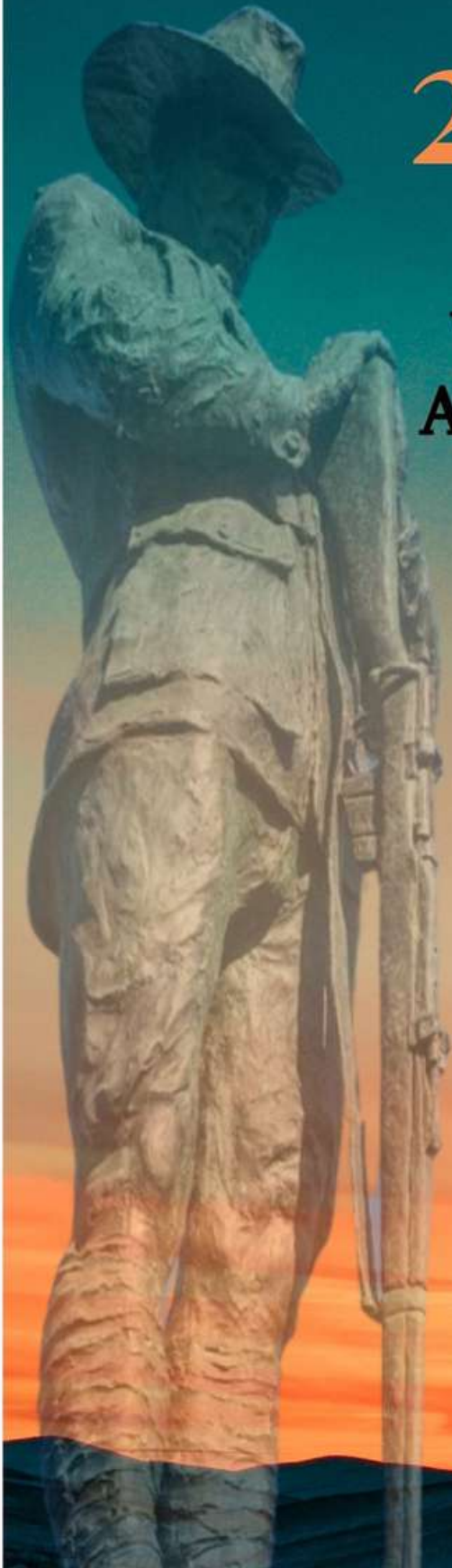
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**VPS WILL BE HOLDING AN
ANZAC DAY CEREMONY ON**

FRIDAY, 29 APRIL

10 AM

Remembering all
Australians and New
Zealanders who served
and died in all wars,
conflicts and
peacekeeping operations





HOLIDAY CLINICS



The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. During the holiday clinic your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. The holiday clinics unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

**REGISTER FOR OUR HOLIDAY CLINICS AT
LEAGUESTARS.COM**

DATE: 13/4/2022
TIME: 10.00am - 1.00pm
AGE: 5-12
COST: \$49

WHERE:
Burrows Park
Ocean Street
Clovelly
NSW 2031

YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:

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NAPLAN – information for parents and carers



2022

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools are transitioning from paper-based to computer-based assessments. Most schools will complete NAPLAN tests online in 2022. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students can participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experience of using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN online test window is nine days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on Friday 20 May 2022. Tests must be scheduled as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Online NAPLAN test scheduling requirements are detailed in the table below.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)Year 5 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only)Years 7 and 9 writing must start on day 2 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only)	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 42 min. Year 7: 42 min. Year 9: 42 min.	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To ensure online schools are able to complete NAPLAN tests within the nine-day testing window, Year 7 and 9 students can start with reading on day 1; however, writing must start on day 2To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy